

1. (Twice amended) A method of bonding balls of solder to bond pads on a substrate comprising:

contemporaneously retaining at least two balls of solder over different respective bond pads on a substrate in the absence of flux; and

with the at least two balls of solder so retained, exposing the at least two balls of solder to bonding conditions effective to bond the at least two balls of solder with their associated bond pads.

2. (Twice amended) The method of claim 1, wherein exposing comprises laser-bonding the at least two balls of solder.

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1 New Claims

2 3 45. The method of claim 1, wherein exposing comprises melting the  
3 at least two balls.

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5 46. A method of bonding balls of solder to bond pads on a substrate  
6 comprising:

7 contemporaneously retaining first and second balls of solder over  
8 different respective first and second bond pads on a substrate in the absence  
9 of flux; and

10 with the first and second balls of solder so retained, sequentially  
11 exposing the first and second solder balls to bonding conditions effective to  
12 (i) melt each of the first and second balls of solder and then (ii) cool each  
13 of the first and second molten balls of solder to bond each of the first and  
14 second balls of solder with their associated first and second bond pads.

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16 47. The method of claim 46, wherein exposing comprises sequentially  
17 laser-bonding each of the first and second balls of solder.  
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